

TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
QUARTERLY REPORT

April-June 2003

- **Annual Report:** The Annual Report was approved unanimously at the April 2nd meeting and distributed to members of the Legislature and State Transportation Commission, in accordance with the requirements of Public Act 499 of 2002. Copies of the Annual Report are available on the Council's web site:
www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9623_10697_22810---,00.html
- **Commission Advisor:** The Council welcomed Patricia Lockwood as the new Transportation Commission Advisor at their April 2nd meeting. Pat brings a wealth of experience to her job from previous positions as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives and mayor of the City of Fenton. Pat's background in transportation includes having been a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation. The Council is honored to have Pat as their liaison with the Transportation Commission.
- **PASER Data Collection:** The Council took several major steps toward the kick-off of their first statewide collection of road condition data that is scheduled for start-up in August. After reviewing several data collection platforms including Maptitude, ArcView, and RoadSoft, they decided that for 2003, RoadSoft would be used. Also, staff ordered the hardware equipment and manuals, developed the training schedule, and began the development of a procedures manual for use during the training sessions to be held in July and August.
- **Survey:** The Council conducted an extensive survey of local and state road agencies. Working through the County Road Association of Michigan and the Michigan Municipal League, surveys were sent to all 617 public road agencies. The purpose of the survey was to determine how many of them were using a computerized pavement management system and if so what system where they using. The Council received responses from 224 agencies for a return rate of 36%. Of those agencies with systems over 100 miles, 116 of the 123 agencies responded.
While the overall response from all agencies was good only 99 agencies indicated they were using some type of computerized pavement management system. This was only 46% of the total respondents. It is crucial, in an asset management process, to have the ability to forecast future condition and to do investment analyses based on various funding levels. In order to do this efficiently, you need a pavement management system. This information is of importance to the Council for part of their legislative mandate is to recommend an asset management process that would be utilized for the entire 120,000 miles of public roads. When less than half of all road agencies are using a pavement management system, the Council has a long way to go to establish this process so that it begins to affect the actual condition of our roads and streets.